

The Faculty Board

Guidelines for the Centre for Environmental and Climate Science (CEC)¹

The present guidelines were revised and approved by the Board of the Faculty of Science on 14 February 2024 and replace Reg. No STYR 2020/1222. Negotiations according to Section 11 of the Employment (Co-determination in the Workplace) Act were conducted on 16 January 2024. The guidelines enter into force on 15 February 2024.

1. Background

CEC was established as a centre within the Faculty of Science in January 2010, Reg. no N 2009/526. CEC is a centre with the goal of initiating, supporting and conducting research, education and external collaboration within the field of environmental and climate science in a broad collaboration across subject boundaries, thereby contributing to the University's ability to promote sustainable development with regard to society's interactions with the natural environment. CEC develops research and education with a broad, often interdisciplinary, perspective based on and complementing activities at departments at the Faculty of Science and Lund University. CEC thereby contributes added value to the departments' research.

2. Mission

The Centre for Environmental and Climate Science is to contribute to sustainable local, regional and global development by being an innovative agent for research, education and external collaboration in the field of the environment and the climate, with a broad and interdisciplinary profile. The centre is to develop and make available evidence-based knowledge that contributes to sustainable solutions in the field of the environment and the climate, and gives added value and leverage to disciplinary research at the departments of the Faculty of Science and to relevant activities throughout the University. CEC is to be a springboard for new generations of interdisciplinarily trained researchers and alumni with an environmental science profile. CEC is responsible for the development of the subject environmental science.

¹ Swedish translation: Centrum för miljö- och klimatvetenskap

CEC's mission is to be:

- a *research actor* that in close collaboration with other departments, stimulates and conducts environmental and climate research with a broad and interdisciplinary profile,
- a *coordinator* for strategic environmental and climate science research and infrastructure initiatives,
- a dynamic and creative *meeting-place* for researchers who want to tackle current and upcoming challenges in the field of the environment and the climate that require a broad approach,
- a *hub for the provision of expertise* through education of future professional actors in the field of environmental and climate science and
- a *knowledge bank* and forum for active collaboration between academia and wider society.

3. Organisation and location

CEC is organisationally located under the board of the Faculty of Science and complies with the faculty's rules of procedure and delegation.

4. Management of CEC

CEC is managed by a board consisting of 9 members:

- 1 chair
- 5 teaching staff members with research qualifications, of whom 2 from CEC, and 3 from collaborating departments
- 1 from the faculty management
- 1 other employee
- 2 student representatives

The chair and members of the board are appointed by the board of the Faculty of Science with the exception of the student representatives who are appointed according to the procedure established in Section 7 of the Student Union Ordinance (2009:769). The term of office is normally three years with the exception of the student representatives.

The board's assignments

The board has overall responsibility for ensuring that the activities are conducted and developed according to CEC's mission. The board takes decisions on matters concerning overall activities and the budget, and approves strategy with reference to long-term research goals. The board meets at least four times per year. The board has the same responsibility as a departmental board pursuant to the faculty's rules of procedure.

Chair:

The chair of the board has the overall responsibility for organising and leading the board's work and is the person who represents the board. In compliance with the board's assignments, the chair shall work actively on strategic issues concerning CEC's development and is to function as a link to actors with whom CEC collaborates. The chair is to be a senior lecturer or professor with indefinite term employment at Lund University. The term of office is normally 3 years.

Director:

The daily work of the Centre is to be run by a director, who is to be a senior lecturer or professor with indefinite term employment at CEC, normally, appointed for three years at a time by the dean of the Faculty of Science. The director has the same responsibilities and authority as a head of department according to the faculty's current rules of procedure. The director is a co-opted member of the CEC board with the right to attend meetings and make statements.

There is also to be a deputy director at CEC, who is to be a senior lecturer or professor with indefinite term employment and who is, normally, appointed for three years at a time by the dean of the Faculty of Science. In addition to the director and the deputy director, there may be assistant directors at CEC. Assistant directors are appointed as needed by the director. Their term of office is normally 3 years.

5. Education

CEC is responsible for the subject environmental science, with study programmes and courses offered in the first, second and third cycles. The Faculty of Science decides on the educational remit. Quality assurance of the education is conducted according to the faculty's quality assurance system.

6. Funding

CEC receives direct government funding and education grants in the annual plan of operations and resource allocation of the Faculty of Science.

7. Staff

Recruitment, employment and promotion of staff are conducted in compliance with current regulations within the University and the Rules of procedure and allocation of responsibilities and decision-making powers at the Faculty of Science.

8. Amendments to the present guidelines

The present guidelines can only be amended through a decision by the board of the Faculty of Science.